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SUBJECT: AICC POLITICAL RESOLUTION

1. OVER HALF OF THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE (AICC) DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION TO BE ADOPTED AT CHANDIGARH CONCENTRATES ON RATIONALIZING THE EMERGENCY. THE RESOLUTION DEVOTES CENTRAL ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY AND POLITICAL STABILITY THAT THE CONGRESS HAS HISTORICALLY PROVIDED INDIA. IT ATTRIBUTES THE CONGRESS' MASS SUPPORT TO A POPULAR RECOGNITION THAT THE "DEMOCRATIC CONTENT" OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE "ULTIMATE SUPREMACY OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE" IS SAFEST "UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE CONGRESS." IT CHARGES THAT THE OPPOSITION COALITION FORMING BEFORE THE EMERGENCY WAS ALIGNING WITH "FASCIST" FORCES TO CREATE "CONDITIONS OF CHAOS, CONFUSION AND ANARCHY" IN INDIA.

2. IN AN APPARENT NOD TO THE CPI AND THE USSR, THE RESOLUTION NOTES THE CONGRESS PARTY'S DEEP APPRECIATION " THAT IN TIDING OVER OUR RECENT VEXATIONS PROBLEMS, DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD HAVE OFFERED  
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THEIR WARM AND OPEN HELP," AND ADDS "WE VALUE THIS SUPPORT

AND WELCOME THEIR CONTINUED COOPERATION. THE RESOLUTION ALSO DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE VERBIAGE TO UNDERLINING THE NEED TO MAKE THE CONSTITUTION ADAPTABLE TO FORCES OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER, NOT AN OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS, AND CALLS FOR A THOROUGH RE-EXAMINATION OF ITS PROVISIONS (SEE SEPTTEL).

3. LIKE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FOREIGN POLICY (SEPTTEL), THE POLITICAL RESOLUTION THROWS IN SEVERAL REFERENCES TO "THE DANGERS OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SUBVERSION" ("IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE THESE HAVE BEEN SURMOUNTED") AND THE "FORCES OF DESTABILIZATION (WHICH) ARE STILL ACTIVELY AT WORK WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND OUTSIDE."

4. IN CONTRAST TO SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS IN 1973 AND 1974, THE PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION IS LOW ON IDEOLOGY. "SOCIALISM" GETS A SINGLE QUICK REFERENCE AT THE BEGINNING (IN A REFERENCE TO A SPEECH BY NEHRU 40 YEARS EARLIER), AND MUCH OF THE IDEOLOGICAL RHETORIC OF THE "LEFT" IS MISSING. INDEED THE OLD SLOGAN OF "DEMOCRACY, SECULARISM, AND SOCIALISM" DOES NOT APPEAR ONCE AND "SOCIAL JUSTICE" AND "JUST SOCIETY" REPLACE "SOCIALISM".

5. IN ANOTHER DECISION AT CHANDIGARH, ORGANIZATIONAL ELECTIONS TO THE CONGRESS PARTY (TO RECONSTITUTE THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE--OVERDUE SINCE 1964) WERE AGAIN POSTPONED; AT THE MINIMUM THERE IS AS YET LITTLE SIGN THAT THE PRESIDENT AICC SESSION WILL BREATHE NEW ORGANIZATIONAL LIFE INTO THE CONGRESS, REGARDLESS OF THE RHETORIC OF RESOLUTIONS.

6. TEXT OF RESOLUTION POUCHED TO NEA/INS. SAXBE

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